

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is to identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, policies, and development proposed in local government comprehensive plans. The Element will also determine the need for coordination processes and procedures with adjacent local governments and regional and state agencies.

II. DATA SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

A. Federal/State Agencies Coordination

Federal and state government in Walton County directly and indirectly affects many aspects of community development and growth. There are several Federal and state agencies with which the county coordinates in the comprehensive planning process.

Eglin Air Force Base is important in that it covers 145,000 acres, approximately 20% of the land in Walton County. Eglin and the City have an agreement for mutual aid in fire protection.

1. Department of Community Affairs

The DCA has three main divisions. The Division of Housing and Development administers the federal Community Development Block Grant Program. The Division of Emergency Management administers the floodplain insurance program and the disaster preparedness programs. The Division of Local Resource Planning and Management (DLRPM) administer the growth management program.

The DLRPM has two bureaus. The Bureau of Resource Management administers the Development of Regional Impact program, and the Bureau of Local Resource Planning administers the local government comprehensive planning program. This bureau also provides financial assistance for the preparation of these plans.

2. Other State Agencies

There are numerous other state agencies that affect land use decisions throughout the county. For example, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues permits for construction in certain coastal areas, administers beach restoration programs and provides

financial and technical assistance for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates wastewater treatment plant operation and construction. It also regulates provision of stormwater retention/detention facilities. The DEP also provides grants for waste-water treatment system construction. Figure 1 is the DEP Organizational Chart.

Table I summarizes 'some of the functional coordination between Walton County and other Federal and state agencies.

B. Regional Agencies Coordination

1. Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

The TPO is comprised of representatives of Walton County and Okaloosa County. The TPO is responsible for implementation of the local transportation planning process by setting transportation goals, objectives and policies for the area. The TPO is also responsible for review and approval of all plans, reports and documents developed in the transportation planning process. Professional staff for the organization consists of a Technical Coordination Committee (TCC), a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), and the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC).

The Division of Transportation of the WFRPC has been designated to serve as staff to the TPO. In this capacity, the Council planners collect and analyze data, provide for plan and report preparation and other required staff services. The Council also reviews Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs).

2. Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority (RUA)

The RUA was created September 23, 1986, by an interlocal agreement between Walton, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties and the cities of Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Freeport, and Gulf Breeze. A copy of the agreement is contained in Appendix B. The prime function of the authority is to ensure future water supply and to provide for adequate solid waste and sewage effluent dispersal.

Figure 1
Department of Environmental Protection Organizational Chart

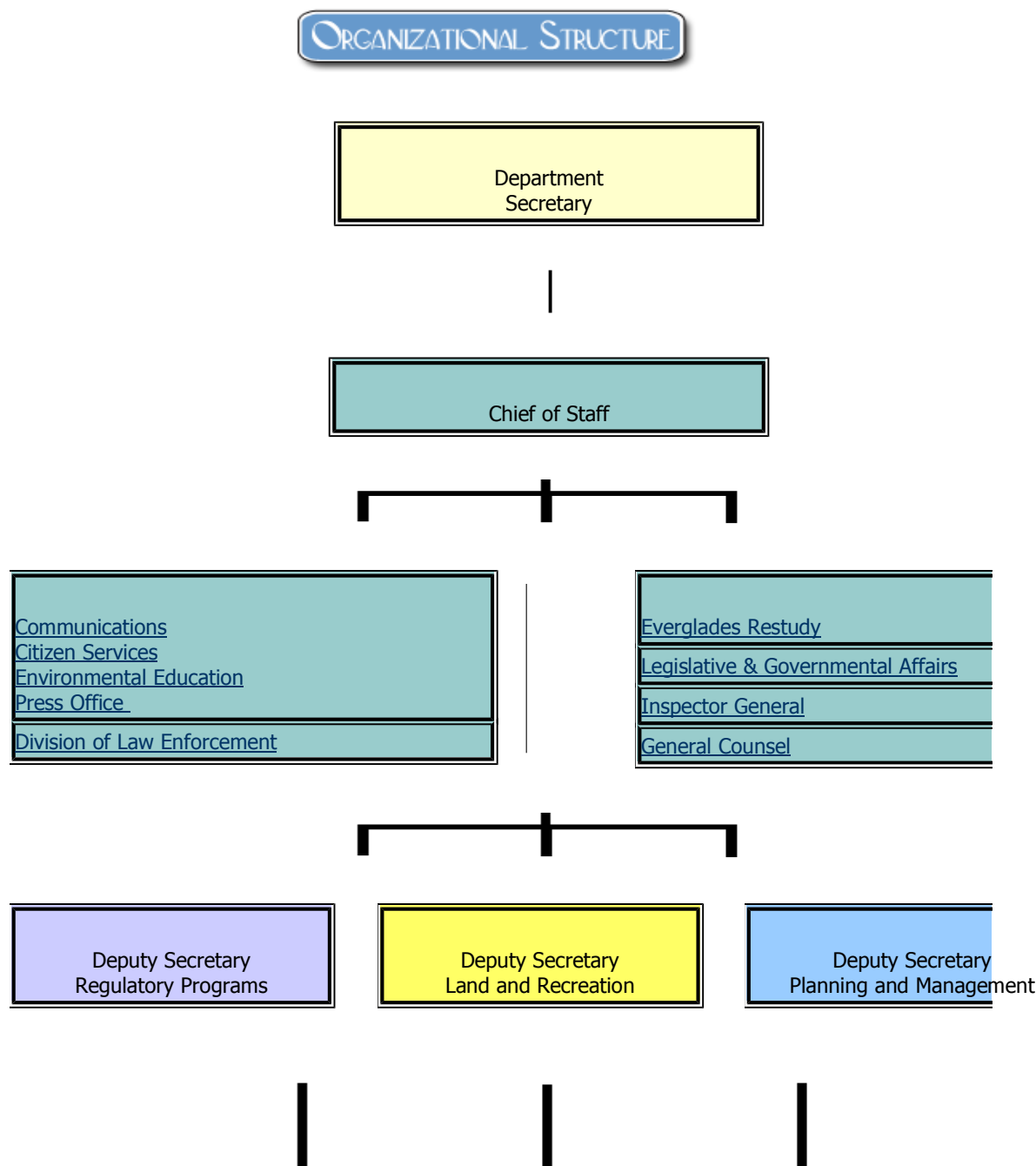


TABLE 1
FEDERAL/STATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>COORDINATING ENTITIES</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Erosion Control, Watershed Protection, Soil Surveys Flood Prevention, Technical Assistance & Project Funding City of Freeport Public Works Department	Soil Conservation Service Board of County Commissioners (BCC) (Engineering Department)
Florida Department of Community Affairs	a. Development of Regional Impact Application for Development Approval Review b. Consistency of Low Emergency Management Plans with Regional Plans c. Review of Local Comprehensive Plans for Consistency with State and Regional Plans	Division of Resource Planning and Management BCC (Walton County Planning Department) City of Freeport Public Works Department Division of Emergency Management - (BCC) (Walton County Planning Department) City of Freeport Public Works Department Division of Resource Planning and Management BCC (Walton County Planning Department) City of Freeport Public Works Department
Florida Department of Environmental Regulation	a. Permitting - Water and Sewer Systems, Dredge and Fill Projects, Landfill Operations b. Monitoring	Bureau of Permitting BCC (Department of Public Works) City of Freeport Public Works Department Bureau of Water Quality Management, BCC Bureau of Waste Management & Grants Department of Public Works City of Freeport Public Works Department
Florida Department of Natural Resources	Consistency of Recreation and Open Space Element	Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Policy Planning. BCC (Walton County Planning Department) City of Freeport Public Works Department
Florida Department of Transportation	a. Consistency of Local Government Traffic Circulation Elements with Florida Transportation Plan b. Consistency of Port, Aviation and Related Facilities Element with the State Aviation Plan and Funding for Aviation Planning	Division of Public Transportation Operations BCC (Department of Public Works) City of Freeport Public Works Department Division of Public Transportation Operations BCC. City of Freeport Public Works Department

TABLE 1 (Continued)

FEDERAL/STATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Florida Department of State

Historical and Archaeological Assessments of proposed
Projects

Division of Historical Resources
BCC (Department of Planning)
City of Freeport Public Works Department

The RUA has authority, under this agreement, to enter into interlocal agreements for supplying water, wastewater disposal and solid waste disposal.

The RUA is in the process of preparing plans for solid waste disposal and wastewater disposal on a regional basis. These reports are scheduled for completion by August 1988. As a member of the RUA, the City will work with other members to accomplish the provisions of the plans.

There is also an RUA technical advisory committee consisting of representatives of area utility companies. This committee provides technical advice to the RUA regarding preparation of these plans. Although not a member of the RUA, the City will coordinate with the other RUA members to assure the continued effectiveness of this organization.

3. West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)

The WFRPC was created to act in an advisory capacity to local governments and to provide technical assistance in various matters. The WFRPC works with federal, state and local agencies in data collection and represents the region in state planning efforts. The WFRPC also coordinates with local governments and state agencies in the DRI review process. The WFRPC sees its future role in intergovernmental coordination (per Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan (CRPP), 1987] as a liaison between state agencies and local governments, an educator of local governments in respect to coordination of the CRPP with local plans, and a mediator to informally aid in solutions to local government conflicts. The process of obtaining consistency between the CRPP and the local government comprehensive plans is also a technique of intergovernmental coordination.

Chapter 186.509, Florida Statutes, requires the WFRPC to establish an informal mediation process to resolve interlocal government conflicts relating to the Comprehensive Plans. This process must be adopted by rule. The Walton County Board of County Commissioners is active in WFRPC activities. Members of the Board are represented on the WFRPC.

4. Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD)

There are five, water management districts in Florida. The districts were created by the Water Resources Act of 1972. Walton County is located within the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD). The purpose of water management districts is to purchase and manage lands, aquatic weed control, engage in technical investigation, develop water resource plans, and to regulate surface water management facilities, consumptive use of water, artificial aquifer recharge and well construction. The NFWFMD provides technical support and data to Walton County and the City of Freeport.

5. Northwest Florida Regional Steering Committee

The Northwest Florida Regional Steering Committee was organized in order to provide local input to the Continuing Florida Aviation Systems Planning Process (CFASPP). Walton County is represented in the membership of the committee. Walton County coordinates with the Department of Transportation in planning for County aviation needs and in accomplishing the goals, objectives and policies of the Ports, Aviation and Related Facilities Element of the County Comprehensive Plan.

6. Choctawhatchee Soil and Water-Conservation District

The district, a subdivision of state government, received state funding for the management of waters in west Florida, which includes Walton County. A board, consisting of five residents of the area, works directly with the Soil Conservation Service of the US Department of Agriculture. The Board sets priorities of Soil Conservation Service assistance in the County.

C. Local Agencies Coordination

1. Walton County School Board

The Walton County School Board is an autonomous elected body which is responsible for the construction and operation of school facilities within the county. The interrelationship between the school board and the other functions of county government is very important. Both bodies have their own taxing authority and have immense responsibility to deliver services to the citizens of the county. The Legislature recognized that these bodies need very

close cooperation and coordination when Chapter 235.19, Florida Statutes, was passed in the late 1970s.

Chapter 235.193(I), Florida Statutes, states "it is hereby declared to be the policy of this State to require the coordination of planning between the school boards and local governing bodies..." It further states that "...a school board, upon the request of a local governing body within its district, shall submit in writing to the local governing body an official statement clearly showing the capability, or lack thereof , of the existing public school facilities in an area being considered for development, redevelopment, or additional development to absorb additional students without overcrowding such facilities.. ." Chapter 235.193(2)]. "... If there are no public school facilities in existence in the area of proposed development, the school board is required to provide the local governing body with the projected delivery date of such facilities in that area..." [Chapter 235.193(2)]. "...The general location of public educational facilities shall also be consistent with the capital improvement plan found in the comprehensive plan of the appropriate local governing body developed pursuant to Chapter 163.3177(3) and in accordance with Chapter 163.3194(I)..." [Chapter 235.193(4)).

This legislative mandate was further affirmed by adoption of Chapter 9J-5.01, the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Florida Administrative Code. This Rule contains numerous references to the need for close cooperation and coordination between local governments and the school board.

D. Independent Special Districts

The definition of Independent Special Districts adopted by the Florida Legislature, contained in Section 218.31(7), F.S., states:

"Independent Special District means a special district whose governing head is an independent body, either appointed or elected, and whose budget is established independently of the local governing authority, even though there may be appropriation of funds generally available to a local governing authority involved."

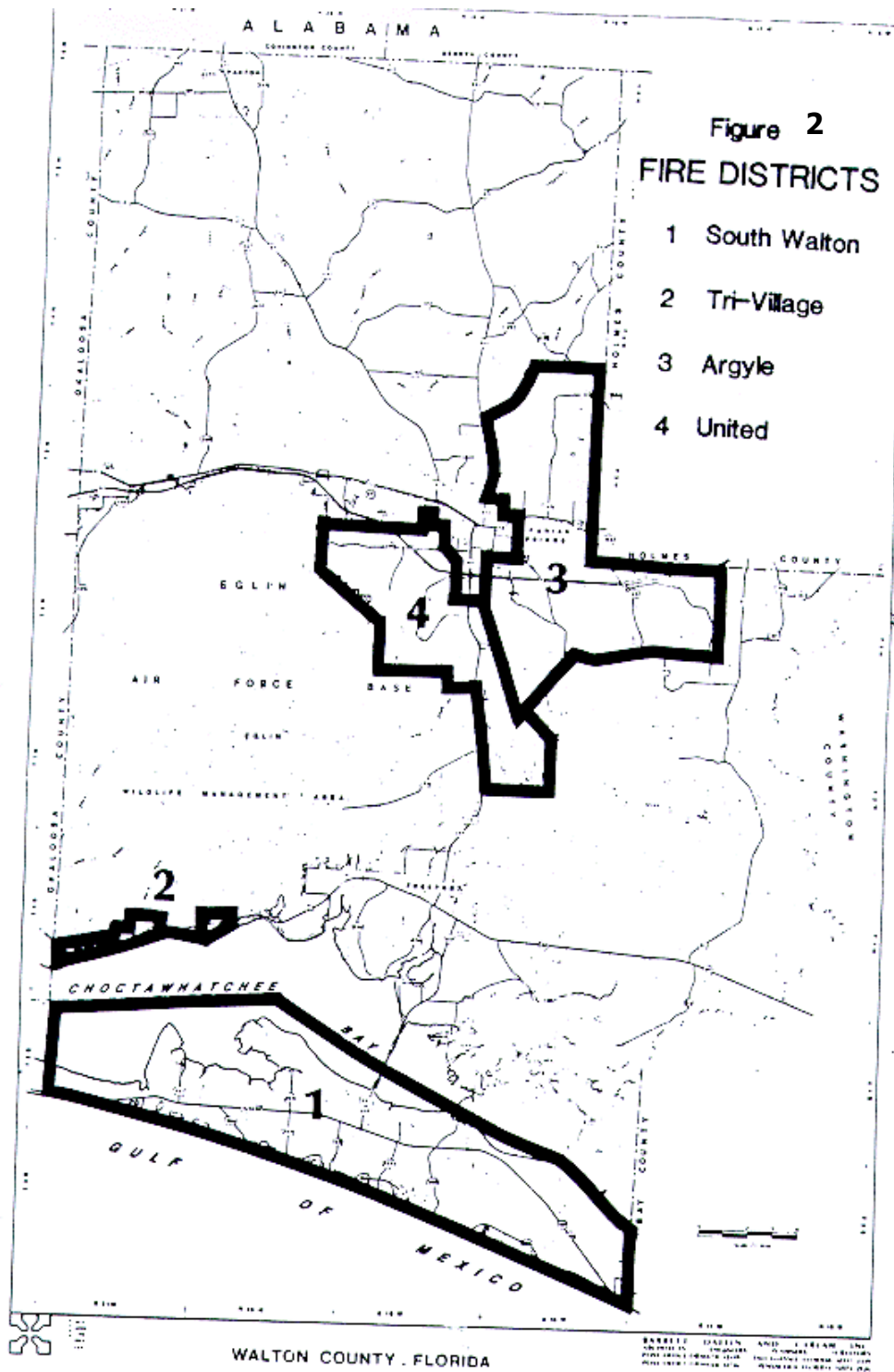
Special Districts existing in Walton County are identified as follows:

1. Fire Districts

Walton County has several fire districts which provide fire protection throughout the county. Currently, each district functions independently within its respective service area. Figure 2 shows the fire districts within Walton County.

2. Housing Authority

The county has one housing authority which is located in DeFuniak Springs but can function countywide. The authority functions under supervision and financial assistance by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



The primary purpose of the housing authority is to provide housing for low and moderate income persons. The authority is operated by the Housing Authority Board which is appointed by the local governing body and acts as liaison between HUD and the authority.

The members of the board are representative cross-sections of the community and one member is required to be a tenant of the housing project.

3. Walton County Gas District

The Walton County Gas District was established by Chapter 23994, House Bill 1313, Laws of Florida, filed June 1, 1953. The stated purpose of the district is basically "acquiring, constructing, owning, operating, managing, maintaining, extending, improving and financing one or more gas distribution system, or both, for the use and benefit of its member municipalities of DeFuniak Springs, Freeport and Paxton, and such other municipalities as may become members of said district..." The district has power of. eminent domain, and power to issue and sell bonds or revenue certificates payable solely from revenues of the gas system(s). The district does not have taxing authority.

E. Agreements

There are numerous informal and formal interlocal agreements between the City and Walton County. These agreements are presently operating effectively for provision of services in the areas described. The City and County will continue these agreements as long as they are the most cost-effective, mutually beneficial alternative. Some of the more important ones are summarized below:

1. Police Protection

The Walton County Sheriff's Department has an unwritten agreement with the cities of DeFuniak Springs, Freeport and Paxton for support services. These areas, except for Freeport, have individual police departments. The Walton County Sheriff's Department also provides sole protection to all other areas of the county.

2. Solid Waste

Walton County is presently served by two landfills; the Central Landfill designated as a Class I facility, and the privately owned Environmental Waste Systems Landfill, operating as a Class III facility. The Freeport Class III Landfill was closed to incoming waste in the latter part of 1986. Figure 3 gives the general location of these facilities.

3. Mutual Aid for Fire Protection

Walton County has an unwritten agreement for mutual fire protection to areas of the county. The county is also working on coordination of fire service communications. Eglin Air Force Base and the City have an agreement for mutual aid in fire protection.

4. Ambulance Service

Walton County provides emergency service within the County.

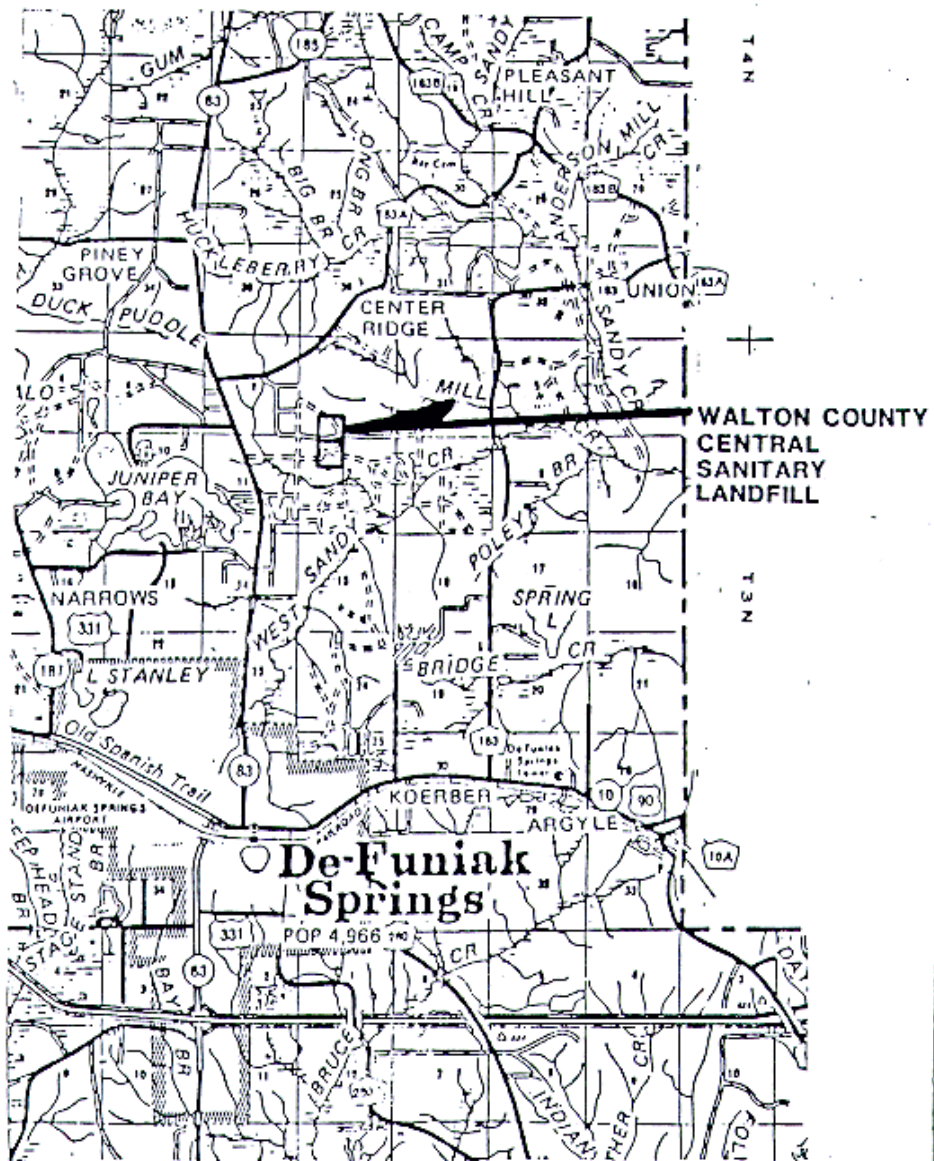
5. Civil Defense

The Walton County Emergency Management Office coordinates emergency plans and actions for the entire county. The Emergency Management Director works under the supervision of the Board of County Commissioners. The county is coordinating the installation of a 911 Emergency System throughout the county.

6. Building Inspection

Walton County provides building inspection for the cities of Freeport and Paxton.

These agreements are presently operating effectively for provision of services within and outside the City. The City will continue these agreements as long as they are the most cost effective, mutually beneficial alternative.



SOLID WASTE

Figure 3

F. Assessment of Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms

Existing coordination mechanisms in general work quite well for the City of Freeport. Regional agencies in which organizational and coordination responsibilities are formally adopted including the Rural Utility Authority, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, the West Florida Regional Planning Council, the Northwest Florida Regional Steering Committee, and the Choctawhatchee Soil and Water Conservation District have maintained a high degree of coordination well with the City of Freeport.

Local agencies including the Walton County School Board, Housing Authority and Gas District have also had significant levels of cooperation and coordination, again because of formal organizational structures and representation and formal coordination requirements.

The areas in which the greatest need for coordination exists in the area of City-County relationships where informal, unwritten agreements have been the rule. These agreements have worked rather well in the past because of the dedication of individual City and County representatives, but must be formalized in order to insure that the City can depend upon those services which the County provides and that the County knows just what is expected of it.

G. Intergovernmental Coordination Needs

The City has identified a need to improve coordination with Walton County. In this regard, the City needs to execute an interlocal agreement with Walton County that stipulated methods for coordination in implementation of programs that mutually benefit the citizens of both the City and the County.

In the past, conflict mediation between local governments has been handled informally. It is not the desire of local governments to designate the Comprehensive Plan Committee as a forum for conflict mediation and general coordination between municipalities and the County.

TABLE II

Element	Problem/Need	Means for Resolving
Traffic Circulation Element	Coordination of Improvements with State and County.	More active participation in decision making process and implementation phase.
Housing Element	Coordination of provision of Section 8 Housing Assistance.	Active referrals of potential recipients and owners of potentially eligible housing units.
Infrastructure Element	Coordination of Storm Drainage improvements with State & County. Coordination of Water & Sewer Expansions with County.	More active participation in decision making process and implementation phase. Potential joint projects with County.
Recreation & Open Space	Coordination with County Recreation Planners. and Department of Natural Resources.	More active participation in decision making Element process and implementation phase. Potential joint projects with County.
Conservation Element	Coordination with County and Department of Natural Resources.	More active participation in decision making process and implementation phase. Potential joint projects with County.
Future Land Use Element	Coordination of Development Orders with County and Regional Planning Council	Intergovernmental agreements with the County to address development order review approval in and adjacent to Freeport.

H. Growth & Development Proposed

The City of Freeport has reviewed proposals for growth and development proposed in this Comprehensive Plan and examined consistency with the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan within the context of the Future Land Use Element. The Future Land Use Element is consistent with the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan; however, the extent of future development anticipated indicates that increased future coordination of development orders with the Regional Planning Council is indicated. This increased future coordination will most likely be precipitated by the Regional Planning Council in the form of revised contracts with participating jurisdictions.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

The City Council will continue to participate in special committees and in regional agencies in order to direct activities in the City toward implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The City will also ensure citizen involvement in the planning process through public hearings as outlined in the Public Participation Ordinance and the Land Development Code.

The City will coordinate with the County, other municipalities and the School Board to ensure comprehensive plan consistency. Through the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the City will enter into new interlocal agreements as deemed necessary to implement the Comprehensive Plan. An agreement similar to the one at the end of the Section will provide improved intergovernmental coordination.

The City will seek methods of coordinating land use and building permit data to monitor the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Plans. One possible approach is the joint funding of a computer-aided monitoring system to be located within the County Planning Department.

The City will seek the cooperation of area public service providers to obtain more accurate data regarding facility demand on a monthly basis. The importance of determining the seasonal land on area public facilities cannot be understated. Accurate data is absolutely essential to determine level of service needs for preparation of the Capital Improvement Element.

In order to provide reliable and efficient fire protection to residents of the City, the City needs to implement a communications agreement with the independent fire districts and municipal fire departments. The County would coordinate fire communications for all municipalities and the unincorporated areas.

It is the intent of all the local governments that the Comprehensive Plan Committee continue to serve as a forum for data dissemination and discussion, and conflict mediation. The committee will serve as a forum for sharing of information and technical data between communities and general discussion of matters of interlocal interest.

There is also a need to develop a process to resolve interlocal disputes. The Committee will serve as the initial step in resolving conflicts that may occur between its membership. The Committee representatives from each City and the County will be responsible for final decisions pertaining to conflict resolution. The committee will use the resources of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, the West Florida Regional Planning Council, Eglin Air Force Base, the Department of Community Affairs and other pertinent State and Federal agencies, when applicable, in order to make decisions.

The Walton County Planning Department will receive requests for Committee meetings for the purpose of conflict resolution and/or information dissemination and will be responsible for scheduling meetings, notifying Committee members and obtaining and distributing data to assist Committee members in the decision-making process. Meetings are held once per month. Every other meeting is held after normal working hours to allow for participation and discussion of LPA members. Meetings will be called by the City and held at an appropriate time and place. The County and all municipalities will enter an interlocal agreement which affirms their commitment to the resolution of conflicts between communities and their agreement to abide by the findings of the committee.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of

_____, 20 __" by and among WALTON COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Courthouse, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY; and,

CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, a Florida municipal corporation, whose address is P. O. Box 685, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32422; and,

CITY OF FREEPORT, a Florida municipal corporation, whose address is P. O. Box 339, Freeport, Florida 32439; and,

TOWN OF PAXTON, a Florida municipal corporation, whose address is P. O. Box 1186, Paxton, Florida 32538; and,

WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is _____ hereinafter referred to as the SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, the CITIES, the SCHOOL BOARD and COUNTY desire to mutually cooperate with each other; and,

WHEREAS, annexation, contraction, site plan reviews, rezonings, comprehensive plan amendments and other actions may have an adverse impact on the mutual concerns of the CITIES, the SCHOOL BOARD, and the COUNTY; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the CITIES, the SCHOOL BOARD, and the COUNTY that each jurisdiction have the opportunity to make known its concerns on such proposed actions before final action is taken by the CITY, the SCHOOL BOARD, or the COUNTY; and,

WHEREAS, to enable expression of such concerns and resolution of potential problem the CITIES, the SCHOOL BOARD and COUNTY will provide for mutual notification between and among the COUNTY, the SCHOOL BOARD, and/or CITIES which may be affected by any voluntary annexation, contraction, site land review, rezonings, comprehensive plan amendment and other actions prior to official action by the COUNTY the SCHOOL BOARD, and/or the respective CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide that all parties to this Agreement shall give timely notice to any other party of an application for voluntary annexation, contraction site plan review, rezoning, comprehensive plan amendment or other action when mutual concerns are or might be affected by such request. Notice shall be given prior to official action by the COUNTY, the SCHOOL BOARD, or the respective CITY.
2. COOPERATION. To facilitate performance under this Agreement, each party shall have the full cooperation and assistance from each other party, its officers, agents and employees.
3. RESPONSIBILITIES. Each party agrees to be responsible for the preparation and delivery of the required notice to the other affected parties. A uniform notice form is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A. Notice provided on this form shall be deemed to fulfill the intent of this Agreement. The parties hereby agree that the opportunity to comment and voice concerns prior to the deadline established in the Notice is mutually advantageous. Therefore, each party agrees to use its best efforts to provide notice required hereunder to the other affected parties prior to the deadline so that the parties can discuss/comment on the request and suggest ways to alleviate the adverse impacts, if any, or to suggest constructive options or alternative proposals. Each party agrees to consider such comments, but may not necessarily be bound by such comments.
4. INTERPRETATION. This Agreement shall be liberally construed so as to resolve any question in favor of providing notice.
5. NOTICE. The required notice form will be completed in each applicable case and must be received by the appropriate party listed below within two weeks of receipt of a project application or governing body project authorization.

WALTON COUNTY

County Administrator
Walton County Courthouse Annex
P. O. Box 5320
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

SCHOOL BOARD

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS

City Administrator
P. O. Box 685
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

FREEPORT

City Clerk
P. O. Box 339
Freeport, FL 32439

PAXTON

Town Clerk
P. O. Box 1186
Paxton, FL 32438

6. TERM. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year. The Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one year terms unless terminated as provided in Section 7.
7. TERMINATION. If any party wishes to terminate this Agreement as it applies to said party, notice of such termination shall be given to all other parties after official action by the governing body providing the reasons for such termination. Termination shall be effective 30 days from the date of notice is perfected as provided herein.
8. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement shall be executed in four (4) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have caused their names to be affixed hereto by the proper officers thereof.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

County Administrator

BY: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

SCHOOL BOARD OF
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Superintendent

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS

City Administrator

BY: _____
Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF FREEPORT

City Clerk

BY: _____
Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PAXTON

City Clerk

BY: _____
Mayor

DATE: _____

NOTICE

From:

To:

Name of Applicant:

Name of Project:

Project Street Address or General Location:

Attach Legal Description

Attach Site Plan and/or Location Maps as may be appropriate

Action Requested:

Annexation _____

Contraction _____

Site Plan Review _____

Rezoning from _____ to _____

Comprehensive Plan Amendment from _____
to _____

Other Proposed Action (describe) _____

Publishing Use of Property: _____

Publishing Dates for Legal Notice: _____

Date, Time, Place of Public Hearing: _____

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Exhibit A to Interlocal Agreement dated _____, 20__ among Walton
County, Walton County School Board, DeFuniak Springs, Freeport and
Paxton

REGIONAL POLICY PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT

Chapter 9J-5, F.A.C., requires that the Comprehensive Plan be consistent with the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan (May, 1987) prepared by the Wet Florida Regional Planning Council. Chapter 163.3177(10a) defines consistency to mean that the plan is compatible with and furthers the appropriate regional policy plan and the State Comprehensive Plan. "Compatible with" means that the local plan is not in conflict with the State Comprehensive Plan or appropriate regional policy plan. The term "furthers" means to take action in the direction of realizing goals or policies of the state or regional plan. This Element represents the actions which the City of Freeport will take to be compatible with and further the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan (CRPP).

The applicable goals found in the CRPP are shown below. Each applicable goal is followed by the appropriate City Intergovernmental Coordination Element Objectives and Policies.

WFRPC REGIONAL ISSUE 65 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

WFRPC REGIONAL GOAL 1

BY 1991, THERE WILL BE A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN JOINT PLANNING PROGRAMS AND COORDINATED LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES.

Regional Policies

1. Local governments shall ensure that land development regulations are consistent and standardized to the extent possible, for all jurisdictions within the Region.

Applicable Freeport Objectives

Objective A By 1992, the City will execute interlocal agreements with the school board and adjacent communities providing for close coordination and evaluation of development proposals.

Objective B The City and the County fire districts will implement a communications agreement by 1992.

Objective C By 1992, the City and Walton County will develop an informal conflict resolution process.

Objective D As soon as practical after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City will establish procedures to coordinate the impacts of development proposed by the Comprehensive Plan ahead the appropriate aspects of the Walton County Comprehensive Plan.

Objective E The City will ensure coordination in establishing Level of Service Standards for public facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT

Chapter 9J-5, F.A.C., requires that the Comprehensive Plan be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan (SCP) as adopted by the Florida Legislature in 1985. Chapter 163.31787(10a) defines consistency to mean that the Plan is compatible with and further the appropriate regional policy plan and the SCP. "Compatible with" means that the local plan is not in conflict with the SCP or appropriate regional policy plan. The term "further" means to take action in the direction of realizing goals or policies of the state or regional plan. This Element represents the actions which the City will take to be compatible with and further the goals and policies of the SCP.

The applicable goals found in the SCP are shown below. Each applicable goal is followed by the appropriate Freeport Intergovernmental Coordination Element Objectives and Policies.

GOAL (20) GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY:

FLORIDA GOVERNMENTS SHALL ECONOMICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC.

1. Encourage greater cooperation between, among, and within all levels of Florida government through the use of appropriate interlocal agreements and mutual participation for mutual benefit.
5. Eliminate needless duplication of, and promote cooperation in, governmental activities between, among, and within state, regional, county, city and other governmental units.

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APPENDIX B

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.

AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN FIRE PROTECTION

This agreement, entered into this 8th day of October, 1985, between the Secretary of the Air Force, acting pursuant to the authority of 42 U.S.C. 1856(A) and the Freeport Fire Department is for the purpose of securing to each the benefits of mutual aid in fire prevention, in the protection of life and property from fire, and in fire fighting. It is agreed that:

(1) On request to a representative of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department by a representative of the Freeport Fire Department, fire fighting equipment and personnel of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department will be dispatched to any point within the area for which the Freeport Fire Department normally provides fire protection as designated by the representative of the Freeport Fire Department.

(2) On request to a representative of the Freeport Fire Department by a representative of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department, fire fighting equipment and personnel of the Freeport Fire Department will be dispatched to any point within the fire fighting jurisdiction of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department as designated by the representative of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department.

(3) Any dispatch of equipment and personnel pursuant to this agreement is subject to the following conditions:

(a) Any request for aid hereunder shall include a statement of the amount and type of equipment and of personnel requested, and shall specify the location to which the equipment and personnel are to be dispatched, but the amount and type of equipment and number of personnel to be furnished shall be determined by a representative of the responding organization.

(b) The responding organization shall report to the officer in charge of the requesting organization at the location to which the equipment is dispatched and shall be subject to the orders of that official.

(c) A responding organization shall be released by the requesting organization when the services of the responding organization are no longer required or when the responding organization is needed within the area for which It normally provides fire protection.

(d) In the event of a crash of aircraft owned or operated by the United States or military aircraft of any foreign nation within the areas for which the Freeport Fire Department normally provides fire protection, the Chief of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department or his representative may assume full command on his arrival at the scene of the crash.

(4) Reimbursement for costs of fire fighting on Federal property may be filed in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 2210.

(5) All equipment used by the Freeport Fire Department in carrying out this agreement will, at the time of action hereunder, be owned by it; and all personnel acting for the Freeport Fire Department under this agreement will, at the time of such action, be an employee or volunteer member of the Freeport Fire Department.

For the Freeport Fire Dep't

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